Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 24 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 25 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 23 Dec 2023 at 17:01 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for a brief milder period at first followed by showery conditions until longer periods of rain spread north for a time Monday and again from Wednesday. Lower confidence in the daily detail.

Headline for Sunday 24 Dec 2023: Cloudy, bright spells interspersed with showers, snow at height. Very windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 24 Dec 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain	Sleet showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
60%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	30%	30%

Forecast for Sunday 24 Dec 2023

Weather: The rain will continue to ease overnight, turning showery towards morning. A cloudy day with the occasional bright spell. Scattered showers through much of the day, falling as snow over the peaks and easing south of Lochaber towards the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%

Low Cloud and visibility: Broken cloud 400-600m will fall to lower slopes in showers. The visibility will be poor in showers but very poor in snow and cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	45/55 SW	48/59 SW	49/61 SW	59/73 SW	63/79 W	59/75 W	47/58 W	37/46 W	32/41 W
900	33/42 SW	35/45 SW	34/45 SW	41/54 W	44/59 W	42/57 W	30/40 W	25/34 W	22/30 W
600	38/47 SW	39/49 SW	38/49 SW	46/58 SW	49/63 W	49/64 SW	34/44 W	24/32 W	20/27 W
300	23/32 SW	20/30 SW	20/30 SW	25/38 SW	28/43 W	26/40 W	18/28 W	14/21 W	12/19 W
Glen	15/28 SW	12/27 SW	15/31 SW	20/40 W	21/42 W	22/44 W	15/33 W	9/20 W	8/17 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	4/-3	2/-7	-0/-10	-1/-12	-1/-12	-2/-12	-3/-13	-4/-14	-5/-15
900	6/-0	4/-3	3/-5	2/-6	2/-7	1/-7	0/-8	-1/-9	-2/-10
600	8/2	6/0	5/-2	4/-4	4/-4	4/-4	3/-5	1/-6	0/-6
300	10/6	9/5	7/3	7/2	6/1	6/1	5/0	3/-1	2/-2
Glen	11/8	10/8	9/6	9/5	8/4	8/4	7/3	5/2	5/2
Freezing Level*	2000m	1500m	1200m	1100m	1100m	1000m	900m	600m	500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Very strong winds to low levels will make walking difficult, the visibility will be poor in cloud and particularly in snow above 700m.

Forecast for Monday 25 Dec 2023
Weather: A mainly dry start with bright spells and the chance of an occasional shower. Overcast skies and showers spread northeast through the morning, merging into longer periods of rain for a time in the early afternoon and falling as snow above 300-400m. The rain and showers clear from late evening.

Maximum wind: South 15-20mph gust 30mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% falling 30% over southern ranges in the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Broken cloud 900-1100m becomes extensive and lowers to 700-800m over southern ranges for a time from the early afternoon. The visibility will be mostly good, falling poor in showers, very poor in snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius rising plus 6 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits in the morning lowering 600m later.

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